

(a) whether there is any proposal under active consideration of Government to enact a legislation to protect elder persons against domestic violence and also to grant reliefs of such nature connected with the old age; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does Not arise.

**NGOs receiving financial assistance in Maharashtra**

471. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Non-Governmental Organisations in Maharashtra which are receiving financial assistance from Government;

(b) whether any review of the working of such organizations has been carried out;

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether any of them has been blacklisted; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The names of Non-Governmental Organisations in Maharashtra which are receiving financial assistance from Government is at Annexure. [See Appendix 192, Annexure No. 2]

(b) to (d) The working of the NGOs assisted by this Ministry is monitored and evaluated from time to time. These organizations are inspected by representatives of the State Governments and the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and where it is found that the delivery of services is not commensurate with the funds released by the Ministry, the NGO is warned, further release of grant-in-aid is suspended and the NGO is blacklisted after following the prescribed procedure and process initiated for recovering the misutilized grant.

The following organizations of Maharashtra have been blacklisted and action taken by the Government is given below:—

| Sl. | Name of the Organisation with address   | Action taken |
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| 1.  | Shaheed Abdul Hameed Education Institute, Dherwaha, Khatipura, Ward No. 60 Distt. Yavatmal, Maharashtra     | Black listed |
| 2.  | Apanaga Mahila Mandal Amravati, Kamala Jadhav, Maharashtra  | Black listed |
| 3.  | Savitribai Jyotirao Phule Samaj Sewa Sansthan Tarhala, Tarhala, Taluk Magroolpir, Distt. Akola, Maharashtra | Black listed |

The State Government has been asked to recover grants released earlier and seize the assets created out of Government funds.

### **Special Educational Development Programme for SC girls**

472. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing Special Educational Development Programme for SC girls belonging to low literacy level in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the programme;

(c) which areas of Maharashtra have been covered under the programme district-wise; and

(d) the number of SC girls benefited under the programme in Maharashtra during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Sector Scheme of Special Educational Development Programme for Scheduled Caste girls belonging to very low literacy levels envisages establishment of free residential schools for Scheduled Caste girls upto class I only. Each School has a strength of 25 students. A lump sum annual grant of Rs. 11,340 per student is provided directly to the Zila Panchayats/ Parishads, on the recommendation of the respective State Governments for running the schools.